



***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Jan HAN *et al.*  
Title: MODIFIED SMALL INTERFERING RNA MOLECULES AND METHODS  
OF USE  
Appl. No.: 10/626,879  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, prior to examination on the merits of the captioned application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.